

DISTR: J3(5) J5(1) SECDEF(7) ASD/ISA() JRC(1) SA(1)
CSA(1) CHO(8) CSAF(4) CMC(4) DIA(25) FILE(1) (63)

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

PAGE 1 OF 2

STATE/INR DIA NMCC/MC (SECDEF JCS ARMY NAVY AIR) CIA/NMCC (NIC N2A SCO ONE CJS
EXO DDI

This material contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Sec. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CITE TDCS-314/04967-71

DIST 13 MAY 1971

COUNTRY LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

DOI 1965 - 11 MAY 1971

SUBJECT OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN POW'S IN SAM
NEUA AND HANOI IN 1965

1.5(c)
3.4(b)(1)

ACQ LAOS, VIENTIANE /11 MAY 1971/

SOURCE

SOURCE

SOURCE DATA

1.5(c)
3.4(b)(1)

1.5(c)
3.4(b)(1)

1. ON 11 MAY 1971 PATHET LAO /PL/ LIEUTENANT COLONEL
SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN IN 1965 SIX
AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR /POW'S/ IN SAM NEUA AND ABOUT 33
AMERICAN POW'S IN HANOI. SC SAW THREE PLANES SHOT DOWN
OVER SAM NEUA ON 4 JUNE 1965 WHEN HE WAS PASSING THROUGH

D 64
100

Sign: 65

TDCS 314/04967-71

1.5(c)
3.4(b)(1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPROVED FOR RELEASE

5/15/98

942045-642

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(classification)

(dissemination control)

1.5(e)
3.4(b)(1)

ENROUTE TO HABAC, NORTH VIETNAM / UNLOCATED / ALL THREE OF THE PILOTS OF THE PLANES WERE CAPTURED BUT NONE APPEARED INJURED. SC ALSO SAW THREE OTHER AMERICAN POW'S, ON THE SAME DAY, BEING ESCORTED INTO WHAT LOOKED LIKE A PL OFFICE. THESE THREE WERE WALKING AND APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH.

2. SC WAS ABLE TO GET A CLOSE LOOK AT ONE OF THE POW'S IN SAM NEUA, WHEN THE POW'S PLANE CRASHED NEAR WHERE SIVILAY WAS TAKING COVER FROM THE BOMBS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS A PHOTO PLANE AND THE PILOT WAS ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE PLANE AFTER IT CRASHED. THE PILOT APPEARED ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD, SHORT AND HEAVY WITH FAIR COMPLEXION.

3. WHILE SC WAS IN HANOI IN 1965, HE BRIEFLY SAW ABOUT 30 AMERICAN POW'S. ALL OF THE POW'S APPEARED HEALTHY. /FIELD COMMENT. SC DID NOT SPECIFY WHERE OR WHEN IN 1965 HE SAW THE AMERICAN POW'S IN HANOI AND HE HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THESE POW'S./

4. FIELD DISSEM. STATE ARMY AIR CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT MACV/JPRC 7TH AF 7/13TH AF TFA/NKP 7TH RRFS /ALSO SENT [REDACTED] SAIGON [REDACTED]

Classified
Revised 03~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1.5(e)
3.4(b)(1)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

942045-643